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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 27 September 1984

1. (Williams) [redacted] London Bureau's Senior Technician, visited on TDY this week. He was taken to see the adaptable FAX processor, which should be coming into production early next year, and seemed quite pleased with the quality of print. He is taking samples back to London so the PMU staff can see them. The new FAX machine will use a low gloss paper, unlike the one in operation in London, which the translators should find easier on the eye. He also was shown the Ku-band gear at ECB and we talked about mounting a test at London. He feels that the European DB satellites will operate in the Ku-band and that the Russians probably will not be far behind. I asked about BBC's progress in starting up their promised cruising unit. He said he believed they had hired one person, but that there had been no activity. There also is no action in connecting the Crowsley Park satellite antenna with Caversham. A contract is being let to manage this. I asked about the VCVC-2, which BBC had indicated would be upgraded by the first of the year. [redacted] said this was a bit out of his area, but he did not believe there was any forward action and that BBC still may be experiencing "design" problems.

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